

February 20, 1958

Chester J. Wage

Funeral services for* Chester J. Wage, 68, were held Thursday, at the local Presbyterian church at 2:00 p. m., with the Rev. Harold Ward, Oronville, Minn., officiating. A quartet, namely, Mrs. Ruth Doeringsfeld, Paul E. Krueger, Gilbert Erdmann and Miss Ellen Miller, accompanied by Mrs. Richard Mylin, sang several selections. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were William and Arthur Kroll, Robert and Arthur Lapham and Orville and Donald Hein, all nephews of the deceased.

Mr. Wage passed away Feb. 9, 1958, at the Webster hospital following a three weeks' illness. The deceased was born at Ferney on Jan. 26, 1890. He was the eldest son of Ferdinand and Annie Wage, and grew to manhood on the family farm and later attended business college at Fargo, N. D. After graduating he served as teller in the First National Bank at Groton, later returning to Ferney to be employed as cashier in the Ferney State Bank for many years. Mr. Wage was also engaged in farming near Ferney and was at one time manager of the Peavey elevator and lumber yard there.

On June 27, 1917, he was united in marriage to Alma Schroeder of Andover. In 1924 he became interested in aviation and after taking instructions was able to pilot his own plane. He had many hours of flying to his credit and was one of the first pilots to receive a South Dakota state license.

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Wage built a beautiful home along the shore of Big Stone lake, north of Big Stone City, where they resided until his death. Mr. Wage was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, and was a member of the First English Lutheran church at Oronville, Minn., at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Mrs. Bert (Linda) Hite of Randolph, and three brothers, Ora and Clarence, both of Ferney, and William of Groton. His parents preceded him in death.